

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-73. (Canceled)

74. (Currently Amended) A method for treating a patient having a wound in need of treatment comprising systemic administration of systemically administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of oxandrolone in a pharmaceutically acceptable formulation; wherein the amount of oxandrolone administered is selected to increase comprising an anabolic steroid which promotes wound healing, wherein the anabolic steroid is selected on the basis that it:

(a) increases at least two-fold the expression of type I procollagen and/or type III procollagen and is selected to provide a blood concentration level of 1-10 micrograms/ml by human fibroblasts cultured in the presence of collagen; and

(b) does not increase the expression of type I procollagen and/or type III procollagen by human fibroblasts cultured in the presence of plastic;
thereby treating the patient.

75. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 74, wherein the wound may be characterized as one or more of the following types of wound: pressure ulcers, incisional wounds, traumatic wounds, diabetic ulcers, ischemic ulcers, venous ulcers, gastric ulcers, and internal bruising.

76. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 74, wherein the ~~wound is present in a patient whose~~ patient's body weight is less than their ideal body weight but ~~who~~ the patient is not experiencing involuntary weight loss or chronic wasting and ~~who~~ is not in a catabolic state.

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